GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:885
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2002
FALLING PRICES OF INDIAN SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the falling prices of Indian raw silk leading to fall in the prices of cocoon which have affected the farmers of silk producing areas adversely which discourages the farmers to produce silk;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the major silk producing States including Karnataka have requested for financial assistance to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) to silk growing farmers; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to arrest the heavy import of China silk inthe country and encouraging the Indian silk?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The range of prices of domestic raw silk for the last two years prevailing at the Bangalore Silk Exchange is given at Annexe I and prices of cocoons at the Ramanagaram cocoon market (Karnataka) at Annexe II.

(b) The Central Silk Board (CSB) has received a request for financial assistance from the Karnatka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC for purchase of mulberry cocoons at reasonable prices to mitigate the hardship faced by sericulture farmers.

(c) Government has been closely monitoring the imports of raw silk and silk fabrics, and the prices of cocoons and raw silk in the main domestic markets. Though quantity of imported raw silk has not gone beyond the estimated demand supply gap, in view of the increase in quantum over last year, the steadily declining prices, and its effect on the domestic market, Government has initiated investigations to ascertain if statutory provisions need to be invoked to raise tariff barriers. CSB has agreed to provide Rs. 1.5 crores to KSIC provisional to State Govt. guarantee.

Annexure I

Annexure I referred to in reply to part (a) &(b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 885 for 19/7/2002

PRICES OF FILATURE/CB RAW SILK AT BANGALORE SILK EXCHANGE

(Rs/kg)

Month	2000-2001			2001-2002			2002-2003		
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
APR	1000	1325	1147	1000	1500	1253	715	1325	1084
MAY	1000	1400	1195	700	1540	1274	750	1325	1000
JUN	640	1360	1223	800	1525	1333	750	1325	1043
JUL	725	1450	1271	700	1540	1297	940	+ 1200	+ 1039 +
AUG	450	1690	1410	1200	1550	1392			
SEP	800	1640	1425	700	1500	1324			
OCT	1000	1650	1468	1000	1375	1243			
NOV	1200	1850	1493	1100	1450	1288			
DEC	875	1750	1494	1110	1460	1304			
JAN	1050	1650	1412	1000	1460	1233			
FEB	1050	1600	1337	1000	1450	1163			
MAR	1000	1550	1182	900	1325	1101			

+ Refers upto 8 th July`2002

Annexure II

Annexure II referred to in reply to part (a) &(b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 885 for 19/7/2002

Prices of Improved Cross breed Reeling cocoons at Ramanagaram cocoon market(Karnataka)

Rs./Kg.

	2000-2001			2001-02			2002-03		
Month	MIN	MAX	AVG	MIN	MAX	AVG	MIN	MAX	AVG
APR	50.00	144.00	118.00	70.00	169.00	126.00	60.00	146.00	108.00
MAY	50.00	179.00	127.00	60.00	177.00	132.00	60.00	136.00	95.00
JUN	55.00	150.00	125.00	72.00	175.00	136.00	60.00	121.00	94.00
JUL	50.00	165.00	126.00	80.00	180.00	140.00	60.00+	116.00+	98.00+
AUG	50.00	190.00	140.00	71.00	181.00	140.00			
SEP	70.00	185.00	139.00	60.00	206.00	123.00			
OCT	53.00	186.00	127.00	40.00	150.00	108.00			
NOV	71.00	220.00	160.00	48.00	162.00	122.00			
DEC	71.00	198.00	152.00	50.00	173.00	139.00			
JAN	75.00	174.00	140.00	80.00	163.00	127.00			
FEB	68.00	187.00	141.00	60.00	143.00	116.00			
MAR	65.00	160.00	113.00	60.00	130.00	108.00			

+ Refers upto 9 th July`2002